

**HAWKINS COVE**  
**CLASS II NATURAL-SCIENTIFIC STATE NATURAL AREA**

**COUNTY:** Franklin

**7.5' QUADRANGLE:** Sewanee

**PHYSIOGRAPHIC PROVINCE:** Cumberland Plateau

**OWNERSHIP:** State of Tennessee

**ACREAGE:** 249

**YEAR DESIGNATED:** 1985

**DESCRIPTION:** Hawkins Cove is a 249 -acre natural area located in Franklin County. It was originally acquired by The Nature Conservancy of Tennessee and then sold to the state to protect a population of Cumberland rosinweed (*Silphium brachiatum*). Cumberland Rosinweed is a type of sunflower found only on the Cumberland Plateau in Tennessee. The forest within the natural area consists mostly of oaks and hickories occurring on a north facing colluvial slope. A powerline right-of-way traverses the property and an old railroad grade forms the eastern boundary. There are a few small limestone cedar barrens found scattered on the property. These barrens and openings provide the best habitat for the Cumberland Rosinweed. The natural area is part of the South Cumberland Recreation Area.

**SITE MANAGEMENT:** South Cumberland Recreation Area

(<http://www.tnstateparks.com/SouthCumberland>), Route 1, Box 2196, Monteagle, TN 37356, phone (931) 924-2980. Division of Natural Areas, 401 Church Street, 7th Floor L&C Annex, Nashville, TN 37243-0447, phone (615) 532-0431.

**PUBLIC ACCESS:** Public access is limited; parking or hiking trails are not provided at this time. Hunting is allowed in the area by permit. Contact the South Cumberland Recreation Area office to obtain a permit. The natural area is operated by Tennessee State Parks. Call South Cumberland Recreation Area or the Division of Natural Heritage for additional information.

**DIRECTIONS:** Hawkins Cove is located halfway between Sewanee and Cowan along the south side of Highway Alt. US 41.